

THE PUMP & POUND

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I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all parishioners to attend their respective Village Meetings, Wednesday 27th April in Chedington and Tuesday 3rd May in South Perrott, starting at 7pm. These meetings are excellent forums for all residents to discuss issues affecting them and their communities.

Kate Organ, Chairman

Mobile Library Service

Following a review of this service, we are pleased to report that the mobile library will visit the parish every second Thursday from 12th May 2016. The library will be at Hazel Barton in Chedington from 12:30 until 12:50 and in the Pound in South Perrott between 15:50 and 16:05.

Big Breakfast

A big thank you is given to everyone who supported the Big Breakfast on 13th March. Forty-eight breakfasts were served by the BB Team and, including the profit from the raffle, £204.60 was raised. In total, £575.50 towards the upkeep and maintenance of the Millennium Green has been raised by the last three Big Breakfasts.

South Perrott and Chedington Millennium Green

With the cost of public liability insurance increasing year on year, the Trustees need to consider options for reducing expenditure. Come along to the Village Meetings in April and May to express your views on how this can be achieved.

Chedington Street Fair

Plans for the Street Fair on Saturday 30th July are now well advanced. A website (www.chedingtonstreetfair.com) and a Facebook page (www.facebook.com/chedingtonstreetfair) for you to "like" have been set up.

Chedington Facebook Page

A Facebook page has also been set up for Chedington village itself. Check it out and "like" it at www.facebook.com/pages/Chedington/109270275757776?ref=ts&fref=ts (or log in to Facebook and search for "Chedington").

Village Hall Annual General Meetings

Chedington Village Hall's AGM will be held immediately after the Annual Village Meeting on Wednesday 27th April. The South Perrott Village Hall AGM will be on Tuesday 24th May at 19:00 after which refreshments will be provided. Your attendance at these meetings is most welcome and will provide you with the opportunity to discuss the activities and functions that you would like to see in the halls.

Dave McSkelly, Chairman, SP Village Hall Management Committee

News from the Pubs...

The Coach & Horses Inn is still on course to re-open on 1st August 2016. *John and James Harris*

Winyards Gap – From Easter Sunday (27th March), Winyards Gap will be open from 11:30 to 15:00 and 18:00 to 23:00 on Monday to Friday and from 11.30 to 23:00 on Saturday and Sunday. Food is served every day from 12:00 to 14:00 and 18:00 to 21:00 (carvery only during Sunday lunch time).

Chedington and South Perrott Gardening Club

On 10th February Neil Lovesey enlightened his audience about the year of the nurseryman. What a busy one it is, particularly as he propagates all that he sells. As usual he was very free with hints, tips and advice from his vast depth of knowledge. Two very good tips; buy plants out of season (they are much cheaper and can be propagated), and take a photograph of your garden every three months - it will make it clearer what needs attention, changing, filling in, and so on.

On 9th March Christine Stone spoke about Harold Peto (1854-1933), whose brother lived in Chedington Court and is buried in St James's Church yard. Harold was very well travelled. Starting his career as an architect, he ventured into landscape gardening, mainly in the Italian style such as that at Buscot House in Oxfordshire (pictured here), with great success. There is no direct proof, but the Court gardens could well have been influenced by him.

We look forward to something very different on 13th April when Mike Colbourne's subject is Monkey World. On 11th May there is a visit to Brimsmore Garden centre.



Parrett & Axe Parish Council

Below is a summary of some of the topics discussed at the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 10th March 2016. A full set of the agreed minutes from this meeting will be available on the Parish website (www.parrettandaxe.org.uk) or from the Clerk when accepted at the next meeting. In addition to the Parish Councillors and Clerk, also in attendance were County Cllr. Rebecca Knox, PCSO Alex Bishop and River/Flood Warden, Martyn Gillingham. Apologies were received from: District Cllrs Tony Alford and Peter Barrowcliff, Dominic de la Poer (footpaths officer) and Dave McSkelly. Jez Morris, Magna Housing attended to give a presentation on the organisation.

❖ **Magna Housing Association** - Jez Morris, Head of Housing Services, advised that he was visiting local councils in order to raise awareness of the Association. There are 16 Magna properties in South Perrott and he explained how the new Right to Buy scheme has been extended to housing association tenants. Magna is willing to put money into community schemes, with a ceiling of £1,000 for any individual project, if their residents will benefit from them.

Jill Brighthouse, Magna Housing Officer, met Cllr. Kate Organ to discuss issues with the Magna housing in School Hill. Jill is arranging for bulkhead lighting to be installed as a response to concerns expressed by residents to improve the safety of access to their front doors.

❖ **Reports from County Councillor and Police Officer**

➤ **Cllr. Rebecca Knox** reported on the following: -

Rural Bus Services Review - following a very useful meeting in Mosterton of interested parties, Cllr. Knox reported that villages were putting forward their own ideas for alternative rural transport and asked the parish council to put forward solutions that would suit Chedington and South Perrott residents. Cllrs. Kate Organ and Liz Fray attended this meeting. It was agreed that they would meet with bus users in South Perrott and Chedington to discuss options. (*This meeting will be on 31st March at 17:00 in SP Village Hall.*)

Local Government in Dorset - Cllr. Knox reported that DCC were looking at the future shape of local government – whether Dorset should become a Shire (unitary authority), with more power devolved to its towns and parishes.

➤ **PCSO Alex Bishop** advised that his team was still stationed in the Police Station at Beaminster but at some point would be moving to accommodation in the Fire Station. If anyone notices anything suspicious, please report this to the Police on 101.

❖ **Highways issues -**

➤ **Potholes** - DCC has issued its provisional Capital Programme Schedule for 2016/17. Lecher Lane and School Hill in South Perrott, and Chedington Village Road are all scheduled for “surface dressing”. Highways have been asked to spot-patch the worst potholes in the interim.

Residents have expressed concerns at the number of potholes and the disintegration of the road surface in **Picket Lane**. The matter has been reported to DCC Highways for action.

➤ **20 mph Speed Limit** - County Cllr Rebecca Knox provided detailed information about the 20mph speed limit which has been installed in Broadwindsor. A similar scheme in South Perrott could cost the Parish Council in the region of £6,500, which members considered to be prohibitive. There was also doubt as to whether it would achieve the desired reduction in speed. It was agreed not to pursue this any further.

❖ **Slurry, Straw and Mud** – residents and councillors complained of straw, slurry and mud along the A356 and in Picket and Pipplepen Lanes. (*The situation is unacceptable and the Chairman is in contact with the farmers.*)

❖ **Railings in Picket Lane, South Perrott** - DCC Highways have continued to state that they are not responsible for the maintenance of these railings. It was agreed that the Clerk should continue to pursue Highways, at a higher level, and in addition, obtain further quotes to ascertain the cost of the repairs.

❖ **Superfast Broadband** – Fibre Broadband should be available imminently in both Chedington and South Perrott. Residents are reminded that they will need to contact their ISP to receive the new service as they will not be connected automatically and there is likely to be a charge.

A concern was raised that the fibre cable is strung along the telegraph poles from Winyards Gap down into South Perrott and could be damaged in high winds. There is thought to be an underground duct in the road put in by Mercury Communications some time ago. The clerk will pursue with Open Reach. (*Subsequent to the meeting, the Green cabinets in South Perrott and Chedington are now live.*)

❖ **Mobile Phone Coverage** - Dr David Lines reported on a meeting on 30 January 2016, with Oliver Letwin MP, when Mr Letwin explained that the emergency services are in the process of updating their Airwave network. EE have won the contract to provide the new Emergency Services Mobile Communications Programme (ESMCP). A second survey of the signal strength outside properties was conducted in South Perrott which ascertained that, at best, only a very weak or intermittent signal was available. Mr Letwin has subsequently reported that, as part of the upgrade required for a 4G service and for the ESMCP, there will be an upgrade of service coverage in South Perrott. Mobile coverage in

the village will be independently tested and verified once the 4G and ESMCP systems are in place. There should be a properly working EE 4G signal in South Perrott by the end of 2017.

- ❖ **Her Majesty the Queen's 90th Birthday** - Dorset communities are being encouraged to commemorate the Queen's 90th birthday by holding a celebratory event on 12th June 2016. It was agreed that a Tower Mint commemorative medal would be given to each child in both villages. It was suggested that a tea party could be held in South Perrott. The Village Hall Committee is to be approached about organising this and Peter Hinton offered the use of his field, weather permitting.
- ❖ **Annual Village Meetings** - Chedington's will be held on Wednesday 27th April and South Perrott's on Tuesday 3rd May 2016. Both will be held in their village halls and will start at 7pm.
- ❖ **Planning Applications -**
 - **Applications handled since last meeting:**
 - WD/D/15/002365 - Bellamy Farm, South Perrott – Demolish coach house and erect building for use as ancillary residential accommodation (amended description).
 - WD/D/16/000100 (Listed Building Consent), Bridge Farmhouse, South Perrott – rebuild garden wall and steps, replacing paving in courtyard and constructing timber pergola on brick piers.
 - **Decisions Notified by WDDC since last meeting:**
 - WD/D/15/001751 Broadleaze Farm, Chedington – erect bird hide and store (retrospective). Approval of Planning Permission.
 - WD/D/15/002767 - Riverside, South Perrott – insertion of roof light on rear roof slope. Approval of Listed Building Consent
 - **New Applications to be considered:**
 - WD/D/16/000294 Buckham Mill Farm, Mosterton (adjoining parish) – Conversion of disused farm building into four holiday units and installation of four conservation roof lights. Members raised no concerns about this application.
 - WD/D/15/002692 Coach and Horses Inn, South Perrott – Single and two-storey extensions to existing Inn to include formation of: a garage, cold store and cellar, and balcony with access staircases. Members and residents expressed their wish to see the pub continue to trade in the village but raised a number of concerns, particularly with regard to the balcony and access stairs of the extensions which overlooked the homes and gardens of near neighbours.
- Applications pending and decisions notified can be viewed on www.dorsetforyou.com

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Parish Council Meetings for 2015:

- Thursday 12th May 2016 (incl. AGM) – Chedington
- Thursday 14th July 2016 – South Perrott
- Thursday 8th September 2016 – Chedington
- Thursday 10th November 2016 – South Perrott

All meetings start with the Public Session at 19:30

What's On in South Perrott and Chedington?

April 2016		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Saturday	2 nd	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891925
Monday	4 th	11:00	Coffee Club	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Tuesday	5 th	18:00	Line Dancing	SP Village Hall	Maggie - 892464
Friday	8 th	18:00	SP Club Italian Evening	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890
Wednesday	13 th	19:30	Gardening Club with Mike Colbourne	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Monday	18 th	19:00	Street Fair Meeting	Chedington Village Hall	Henry - 891567
Tuesday	19 th	18:00	Line Dancing	SP Village Hall	Maggie - 892464
Saturday	23 rd	18:30	St George's Day dinner	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890
Wednesday	27 th	19:00	Chedington Village Meeting	Chedington Village Hall	Mike - 891347
Tuesday	28 th	18:00	Line Dancing	SP Village Hall	Maggie - 892464

May 2016		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Sunday	1 st	12:00	Open Gardens	Chedington	
Monday	2 nd	11:00	Coffee Club	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Tuesday	3 rd	19:00	South Perrott Village Meeting	SP Village Hall	Angela - 891931
Friday	6 th	18:00	SP Club Night	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890
Saturday	7 th	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891925
Tuesday	10 th	18:00	Line Dancing	SP Village Hall	Maggie - 892464
Wednesday	11 th	14:30	Gardening Club visit to Brimsmore Garden Centre		Sue - 891240
Thursday	12 th	19:30	Parish Council Meeting (includes AGM)	Chedington Village Hall	Angela - 891931
Tuesday	17 th	18:00	Line Dancing	SP Village Hall	Maggie - 892464
Tuesday	24 th	19:00	SP Village Hall AGM	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890
Sunday	29 th	12:00	BBQ	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890

Regular Events – Spring 2016

Day	Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Every Monday	14:00	Art Classes	Grey Abbey, SP	Rose - 891808
	19:30	Short Mat Bowls	SP Village Hall	Bob - 891404
Every Tuesday	10:00	Mosterton and District Over 50s Computer Club	The Admiral Hood, Mosterton	Ella - 01308 868834 Barbara - 01308 867891 Martyn - 891931
Every Tuesday	14:00	Short Mat Bowls	SP Village Hall	Bob - 891404
Every Thursday	09:30	Yoga	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
	18:00	Pilates	SP Village Hall	Ali - 01460 74546/ 07753533727
Every Friday	10:00	Upholstery	SP Village Hall	Helen - 01460 626211

To keep up to date with village events view:

Facebook Pages ("like" and "share"):	South Perrott Chedington	www.facebook.com/SouthPerrott www.facebook.com/pages/Chedington/109270275757776?ref=ts&fref=ts
Parish website		www.parrettandaxe.org.uk

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